



Paul's Example of Life & Ministry : Acts 20:17-27

Key Passages:

Acts 20:17-27 Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. 18 And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, 19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; 20 how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, 21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. 22 And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. 24 But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. 25 And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. 26 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, 27 for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

2 Timothy 4:6-8 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Quotes:

Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care by Richard Baxter	
<p>Lord, it belongs not to my care Whether I die or live; To love and serve Thee is my share, And this Thy grace must give.</p> <p>If life be long, I will be glad, That I may long obey; If short, yet why should I be sad To welcome endless day?</p> <p>Christ leads me through no darker rooms Than He went through before; He that unto God's kingdom comes Must enter by this door.</p>	<p>Come, Lord, when grace hath made me meet Thy blessèd face to see; For if Thy work on earth be sweet What will Thy glory be!</p> <p>Then I shall end my sad complaints And weary sinful days, And join with the triumphant saints That sing my Savior's praise.</p> <p>My knowledge of that life is small, The eye of faith is dim; But 'tis enough that Christ knows all, And I shall be with Him.</p>

"If [God] has work for me to do, I cannot die." -
Henry Martyn

"Surrender to Him, Love Him, Follow Him, serve
Him, Live for Him and take His message with you
wherever you go." Ravi Zacharias